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PATENT

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Applicants : Wei et al.
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For : HYPERSENSITIVE RESPONSE ELICITOR
FRAGMENTS WHICH ARE ACTIVE BUT
DO NOT ELICIT A HYPERSENSITIVE
RESPONSE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the July 26, 2002, office action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 32, line 27, and ending at page 33, line 5, as amended in the Amendment filed May 6, 2002, in response to the Office Action mailed November 6, 2001, with the following replacement paragraph:

-An example of suitable fragments of a hypersensitive response elicitor which do not elicit a hypersensitive response include fragments of the *Erwinia amylovora* hypersensitive response elicitor. Suitable fragments include a C-terminal fragment of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 23, an N-terminal fragment of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 23, or an internal fragment of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 23. The C-terminal fragment of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 23 can span the

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